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Those Credibly Accused of Sexually Abusing a **Minor**

The list of those who have abused a minor is divided into four parts:

- Current Members
- Members Assigned Outside the Chicago Province
- Deceased Members
- Former Members

Current Members

These members of the Chicago Province have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. They are prohibited from performing public ministry, are not able to wear clerical attire or identify themselves as priests or religious and are not to have any contact with minors. Their conduct is monitored.

Name / Date	Location / Time of Abuse	Assignment Locations	
Rev. Ronald Lange Born: 1942 Ordained: 1971 Current Location: Dittmer MO	Ghana, Africa / multiple years lowa / 1987	Ghana, Africa 1968-1991 United States 1991-1996 Ghana, Africa 1996-2013 Dittmer MO 2013-present	
Rev. Jefferson Pool Born: 1957 Ordained: 1992 Current Location: East Troy WI	Ohio / 1977 Wisconsin / 1981	Philippines 1992-1998 Bordentown NJ 1998-2020 East Troy WI 2021-present	

Members Assigned Outside the Chicago Province

These priests were members of the Chicago Province at one time but are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Province. They have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor.

When they were transferred from the Chicago Province, a full disclosure was made about the allegation of abuse along with a recommendation that these confreres should not be allowed to perform public ministry or to have any contact with minors. It was also recommended that they be carefully monitored.

Name / Date	Location / Time of Abuse	Assignment Locations
Rev. Elias Aiyako Born: 1964 Ordained: 2004 Current Location: Papua New Guinea	Jamaica / 2006	Jamaica 2004-2007 Papua New Guinea 2007-present
Rev. Crescente DeRivera Born: 1954 Ordained: 1981 Current Location: Rome, Italy	Chile, South America / 1995	Chile, South America 1981-1996 Chicago IL 1997-2006 Florida 2006 Washington DC 2007-2008 Rome, Italy 2008-present
Rev. Ponciano Ramos Born: 1946 Employee: 1960-1979 Ordained: 1985 Current Location: Riverside CA	Philippines / 1960s Indianapolis IN / 1992	Philippines 1960-1970s Techny IL 1979 Bay St. Louis MS 1980-1981 Chicago IL 1981-1985 Indianapolis IN 1985-1994 Riverside CA 1994-present

Deceased Members

These members of the Chicago Province have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. They are now deceased.

NOTE: * = The allegation of abuse was made after the man was deceased.

Name / Date	Location / Time of Abuse	Assignment Locations
Bro. Deogratias Aguilar Born: 1940 Professed: 1969 Died: 2008	Bordentown NJ / 1970s	Techny IL 1962-1966 Mexico 1967-1976 Bordentown NJ 1976-1978 Conesus NY 1979 Girard PA 1979-1983 Neptune NJ 1984 Pittsburgh PA 1985-1989 Mexico 1990-2008
Rev. Louis Altendorf (*) Born: 1907 Ordained: 1935 Died: 1989	St. Louis MO / 1940s-1950s Chicago IL / mid-1960s	China 1935-1948 St. Louis MO 1948-1956 Chicago IL 1956-1960, 1963 St. Louis MO 1960-1963 Conesus NY 1964-1965 St. Louis MO 1965-1972 Washington DC 1973-1985 Techny IL 1985-1989
Rev. Joseph Fertal Born: 1931 Ordained: 1959 Died: 2021	Techny IL / 1968 Niles IL / 1971 Scranton PA / 1972 Corona CA / 1995	Philippines 1960-1967 Techny IL 1967-1972 Philippines 1972-1989 California 1990-2004 Dittmer MO 2004-2016 Techny IL 2016-2021
Bro. Rene (Bernard) Gawlik Born: 1938 Professed: 1959 Died: 2019	East Troy WI / 1960s-1970s	Techny IL 1959-1963 Perrysburg OH 1963-1967 East Troy WI 1967-1975 Techny IL 1975-2019

Rev. Joseph Guidry Born: 1926 Ordained: 1957 Died: 2019	Greensville MS / 1980s	Bay St. Louis MS 1957-1959 Lafayette LA 1959-1963 Mt. Bayou MS 1963-1970 Lafayette LA 1970 -1978 Greenville MS 1978-1990 Baton Rouge LA 1990-2001 Bay St. Louis MS 2001-2005 Techny IL 2005-2019
Bro. Peter Alfonse Horne Born: 1918 Professed: 1947 Died: 1991	California / 1958 East Troy WI / 1960 Washington DC / 1968-1970	Bay St. Louis MS 1953-1957 Arlington (Riverside) CA 1958 Epworth IA 1959 East Troy WI 1960 Washington DC 1961-1963 Conesus NY 1964 Washington DC 1965-1978 Conesus NY 1979 Augusta GA 1980-1991 Techny IL 1991
Rev. Andrew (Dorfmeister) Masters Born: 1909 Ordained: 1934 Died: 2008	Chicago IL / 1950s Louisiana / 1970s	East Troy WI 1928 Techny IL 1929-1934 Rome 1935-1938 England 1939-1946 South Africa 1947 England 1948-1949 Ireland 1950 Techny IL 1951-1959 Southern Province 1960-1983 Techny IL 1984-2008
Bro. Henry Miller Born: 1922 Professed: 1948 Died: 2017	Ghana, Africa / 1960-70s	Southern Province 1939-1947 Ghana, Africa 1948-1985 Kenya, Africa 1986-1989 St. John's, Antigua 1990-2001 Washington DC 2002-2004 Bordentown NJ 2005-2011 Techny IL 2012-2017
Bro. William Morgan Born: 1919 Employee: 1947-1978 Professed: 1979 Died: 2008	Columbia MD / 1980-90s	Bordentown NJ 1947-1949 Papua New Guinea 1950-1991 Bordentown NJ 1992-1995 Western Province 1995-1997 East Troy WI 1998-2008

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Rev. Jacques (Nijssen) Nyssen Born: 1930 Ordained: 1959 Died: 2015	Ghana, Africa / 1960s Caribbean / 1980s	Netherlands 1952-1959 Ghana, Africa 1960-1967 Washington DC 1968-1978 Leave of Absence 1979-1981 Basseterre, St. Kitts 1982-1987 Sanibel FL 1988-1989 Techny IL 1990-1991 Bordentown NJ 1992-2001 Netherlands 2001-2015
Rev. Claire Risse Born: 1919 Ordained: 1947 Died: 1998	Papua New Guinea / 1950s	Techny, IL 1947-1949 Papua New Guinea 1950-1958 Perrysburg OH 1959 Techny IL 1960-1963 Chicago IL 1964 Pittsburgh PA 1965-1987 Epworth IL 1988-1992 Techny IL 1993-1998
Rev. Vance Thorne Born: 1921 Ordained: 1953 Died: 2004	Los Angeles CA / 1957-1959 Vicksburg MS / 1960s Jackson MS / 1980s	Ghana, Africa 1953 Bay St. Louis MS 1954-1957 Los Angeles CA 1957-1959 Southern Province 1960-1991 Bordentown NJ 1991-2004
Bro. Camillus (Michael) Turkalj Born: 1907 Professed: 1934 Died: 1987	East Troy WI / 1955 Riverside CA / 1959	Techny IL 1934 Duxbury MA 1935-1936 East Troy WI 1937-1938 Techny IL 1939-1944 East Troy WI 1945-1950 Epworth IA 1951-1952 East Troy WI 1953 Techny IL 1954 East Troy WI 1955 Gogebic MI 1956 Perrysburg OH 1957-1958 Riverside CA 1959-1962 Pittsburgh PA 1963 Hollywood CA 1964-1976 Techny IL 1977-1987
Bro. Jeremiah Walsh (*) Born: 1941 Professed: 1967 Died: 2000	Chicago IL / 1977	Techny IL 1967-1988 California 1989-1999 Techny IL 2000

Former Members

These men were members of the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word at one time. They are no longer a member of the Society of the Divine Word.

They have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. Although the abuse is alleged to have occurred during the time that they were a member of the Chicago Province, the allegation may not have been made until some years had passed.

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Rev. Michael Carew Born: 1920 Ordained: 1946 Exclaustrated: 1960 Incardinated: 1964 (Boston) Laicized: 1971 Died: August 7, 2015	Boston MA / early-1960s	Ghana, Africa 1946-1957 Boston MA 1957-1960 (SVD) Boston MA 1960-1971 (Diocesan)

Bro. Gary Craanen Born: 1950 Professed: 1971 Left the Society: 1977 Current Location: Wisconsin	Bordentown NJ / mid-1970s	Bordentown NJ 1973-1977
Bro. Bede (John) D'Eufemia Born: 1943 Professed: 1967 Left the Society: 1972 Current Location: Unknown	Epworth IA / 1971	Conesus NY 1965-1967 Epworth IA 1968 East Troy WI 1969 Epworth IA 1970-1971 Marenisco MI 1972
Bro. Rogers (Charles) Hannan Born: 1948 Professed: 1982 Dismissed: 2012 Current Location: Unknown	West Virginia / 2012	Southern Province 1982 Chicago IL 1983-1986 Asbury Park NJ 1987 Southern Province 1988-1996 Epworth IA 1997-1999 Chicago IL 2000-2001 Welch, WV 2002-2007 Gary WV 2008-2012
Bro. Anthony (Francis) Hogan Born: 1930 Professed: 1950 Left the Society: 1975 Died: 2008	Duxbury MA / 1963	Conesus, NY 1950 Duxbury MA 1951-1952 Girard PA 1953-1958 Conesus NY 1959-1962 Duxbury MA 1963-1970 Washington D.C. 1971-1975
Rev. Arthur Kelly Born: 1938 Ordained: 1971 Dismissed: 1987 Died: 2004	Washington DC / 1971	Southern Province 1968 Techny IL 1969 Washington DC 1969-1972 Chicago IL 1973-1974 Indianapolis IN 1975-1978 Chicago IL 1979-1986
Bro. Edmundus (James) Murphy Born: 1931 Professed: 1953 Left the Society: 1973 Died: 1998	Girard PA / 1964	Conesus NY 1952-1953 Girard PA 1954-1968 Conesus NY 1969-1973

